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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : KUMAR, Vijay  
SERIAL NO : 09/437,449  
FILED : November 10, 1999  
TITLE : PALATABLE, SUSTAINED RELEASE DRUG GRANULES  
  
Grp./A.U. : 1615  
Examiner : Sheikh, H.  
Conf. No. :  
Docket No. : P04176US0

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
(37 CFR 1.136(a))**

To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 9, 2001 for two months from October 9, 2001 to December 9, 2001.

A check for \$390 for two months is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 26-0084. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that this document and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001.

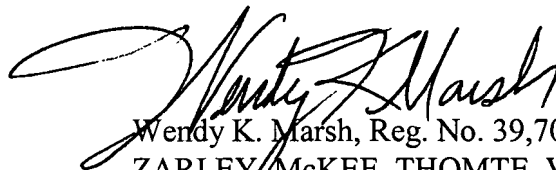
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Wendy K. Marsh

A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wendy K. Marsh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Wendy" being more prominent than the last name "Marsh".

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